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1. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated February 8, 2002;
2. Declaration:  
Executed by Rainer Schmidt on 01/19/02  
Executed by Klaus Nagler on 01/18/02  
Executed by Hartwig Hartung on 01/18/02

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5. Check for \$40.00 for recording fee of Assignment; and
6. Certified copy of Priority Document German 101 04 511.5.

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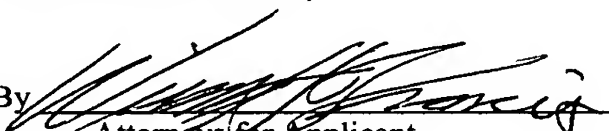
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